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> E: Proposed New Patent Application for Ralf Selinger et al entitled "DEVICE AND METHOD TO LIFT MAGNETIZABLE CARRIER PARTICLES FROM A MIXTURE OF TONER PARTICLES AND MAGNETIZABLE CARRIER PARTICLES" - Our Ref. No. P03,0353 -

SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c), I am filing the attached proposed patent application with 18 pages, 30 claims, 6 sheets of informal drawings, Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, eight references, unexecuted Declaration; and filing fee on behalf of Ralf Selinger et al, and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

On behalf of the inventor, I hereby claim priority from German Application No. 102 46 022.1, filed October 2, 2002.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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